

## TOWN OF CROMANTON IS SURE OF PROMINENCE

Construction of Inter-Bay Canal Means Much to the Little City.

Rapid Improvement Order of the Day With Good Outlook for Future.

Some twenty years ago the town of Cromanton, on the southern shore of St. Andrews bay, about three miles from Panama City, was laid out by W. M. Cromanton, who homesteaded the property, but until the past three or four years development has been a little slow. Cromanton, during the

past few years, has taken on new life and its excellent location, the fine conditions and freedom from insect pests and illness, give assurance of a wonderful future. Today Cromanton has a population of about 200, with good schools, two fine church edifices and this year will have a summer seminary with enrollment of over one hundred. There is a ship yard at Cromanton where fishing smacks and launches are constructed and several good stores. Nearly all of the residences are of the best type and there is an air of prosperity about the town that is decidedly pleasing. There is no regular town government, as yet, municipal affairs being attended to by the Cromanton Business League, and to the credit of the town be it said that every man is willing to do his share in everything that appertains to the general good of the community. Bearing Orange Groves. There are several acres of orange

### CRAWFORD HOME AND DATE PALM.



The Residence of T. E. Crawford, at Cromanton, is One of the Prettiest on the Shores of the Bay. The Date Palm is in the Yard Directly in Front of the House.



"Howe's Catch," St. Andrews Bay.

groves in bearing at Cromanton and more trees are being set out. Grape fruit trees are everywhere in evidence and bear heavily. The strawberry industry has been started, with good results and last year the crop of berries was highly profitable to those engaged in the business, even though upon a small scale. The land in the vicinity of Cromanton is adapted to crops of every description and there are numerous thriving small farms in the vicinity. Values are low, considering the character of the soil, and acreage property may be secured within half a mile of the town as low as \$20 per acre. Town lots sell at from \$25 to \$50 for ordinary locations, beach lots with frontage of 60 feet, 200 feet deep, bringing from \$250 to \$550 each, according to location.

Cromanton is a town of fine homes and there is no better location on the bay for winter or summer homes. The buildings that have already been erected are substantial and an effort is being made to induce only the best class of citizens to locate there. There is double daily mail and passenger service between Cromanton and all points on the bay.

An industry that may eventually develop at Cromanton and on the Calhoun peninsula upon which the town is located, is the raising of dates. There are a number of date palms on the peninsula, some almost at bearing. T. E. Crawford has several of these palms on his property and believes the growing of dates will eventually become a profitable industry.

## TO CELEBRATE ST. ANDREWS BAY CANAL OPENING

WATERWAY MEANS AS MUCH TO CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER VALLEY AND THAT OF LINT RIVER AS PANAMA CANAL DOES TO THE ENTIRE WORLD.

A canal which means as much to the Chattahoochee river valley and that of the Flint river as does the Panama canal to the world, will be completed about the same time as the tremendous project which will unite two oceans. Although this canal is not as long nor as deep or wide, nor fraught with great engineering problems, the waters of the canal will be as wet and as blue, and the people of Georgia and Alabama and Florida will rejoice over the completion.

The opening of the St. Andrews bay canal, which will serve the Apalachicola river system, connecting with the bay of that name, and the Gulf of Mexico, is one of the most important waterway projects of the day. Nearly two million of people will be affected—\$20,000,000 worth of commerce is waiting for the government to say "all is ready."

The Columbus, Ga., Board of Trade has flotilla for a naval demonstration on the date of the opening of the canal.

### The Suggestions.

Were half to be carried out there would be such an awakening that the boll weevil would seek a habitation where they could ravage without being disturbed. Congress will be memorialized for national recognition of the event; the war department be assigned for battleships and a torpedo flotilla for a naval demonstration on the deep waters of the bay, while from the head of navigation of the Chattahoochee and the Flint and the Chipola to the confluence of the Apalachicola river and through Lake Wimico and Searcy creek and the south prong of Wetumpka creek there will be by night beacon lights at stated intervals. Everything floatable will move down the rivers flaunting hunting. The objective point will be the canal and St. Andrews bay.

Columbus will not be alone in this. Girard, Phenix City, Eufaula, Ft. Gaines, Mount Vernon, Bristol, Apalachicola, Panama City, Carrabelle, Bainbridge, Newton, Albany, Marianna, Chipola and maybe Pensacola, Mobile, New Orleans, Tampa and Key West will enter the celebration.

The St. Andrews bay canal project was approved Feb. 1, 1910, providing for a depth to admit passage of river steamers and lighter craft. It will be necessary to transship all goods for or from deep sea vessels at St. Andrews or Panama City, or wherever terminals may be erected hereafter. The

## SOLDIERS' MONUMENT, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA



Jacksonville, Fla., April 11.—In the center of the business district of Jacksonville, one of the handsomest soldiers' monuments in the southern states is admired by all tourists. This

memorial is located in Hemming park, surrounded by handsome grounds and imposing business blocks. The monument was erected by the late Col. C. C. Hemming at personal expense. Vis-

itors to the Confederate reunion will find this park a delightful resting place in May. The park is supplied with ample seats and rest places that both veterans and visitors will enjoy.

cost of the project will exceed \$500,000 and the money has been appropriated to complete the work. The last rivers and harbors bill carried the last \$130,000.

The Apalachicola river, formed at River Junction, Fla., by the Flint and the Chattahoochee rivers, is 137 miles long. The Chattahoochee is navigable to Columbus, a distance of 163 miles. The Flint is navigable to Bainbridge

and during medium low water to Albany, Ga., a distance of 165 miles. The Chipola is navigable for a distance of 65 miles. The total navigable length of the river system is 47 miles. The length of the canal is 30 miles.

The commerce of the rivers which will feed the canal amounted to \$15,784,429 in 1911, and has been growing at the rate of \$1,500,000 for some years.

A buttermilk fountain on the lines of a bottled water affair that a New York man has invented is equipped with an agitator for stirring the contents and a nonclogging faucet.

An electro-magnetic tool has been invented specially for recovering implements or parts that have been dropped into oil-filled places about automobiles or other machinery.

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